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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Plans and Programs Staff, OL

FROM: Acting Chief, Real Estate and Construction Division, OL

SUBJECT: Administrative Services Reorganization Project

REFERENCE: Memo dtd 25 Oct 77 to Heads of Exec Depts and Establishments fm J.W. Solomon and W.G. Granquist Chairman and Vice Chairman, Admin Services Project, President's Reorganization Project, Executive Office of the President, OMB

1. In response to the reference we submit the following list of areas as being most in need of improvement in GSA operations and suggest that they be included in the study design phase of the project:

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b. Maintenance of Emergency Systems

These systems normally are not run; and if defective do not manifest problems until called upon to function and fail to do so. If a critical operation justifies a redundant system, it is frequently noted that a breakdown is not treated with the same degree of urgency that a nonredundant system might receive. Prompt notification of intent to repair or notice that the redundant system is inoperable would be useful. Occasionally systems are taken out of service or work is done without adequate coordination.

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c. Construction, Alteration, Repair

1. Prices on medium-size construction and renovation projects: the major difficulty seems to be in calculation of labor costs required. The customer is not only required to pay \$12.36 per man-hour, regardless of the skill or actual pay rate of the technician involved, but must absorb the additional expense of varying productivity of shop personnel involved. This facet compounded with the need for certain trades to commute from central shop locations make labor costs seem extremely high.

2. Geographic separation complicates the GSA centralized support concept: in emergencies much time is lost in getting initial response followed by additional lengthy waits for the necessary special equipment to be located and transported. Productive time is at serious jeopardy when travel time is deducted from the normal work day.

3. Project turnaround time seems to suffer a considerable administrative burden: additional personnel or expertise on the staff at the building manager level might be able to expedite the estimating, negotiating, and quality assurance process. As presently structured, other than relatively minor projects have to be sent to Repair and Alteration Division and in some cases to Construction Management Division with resultant lost time for completion.

4. GSA internal administration is cumbersome: determination of the status of a project becomes a major effort; there is no automatic feedback (projects do get lost completely). Sometimes projects will drag on for a year or more without notice to the customer of anticipated delays or reasons therefore.

5. Cost estimating: improved accuracy in cost estimating is most needed. GSA is extremely high in cost estimating, consistently.

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6. Quality of construction supervision:  
Actual on-the-job supervision of contractors and review and approval of shop drawings is lax in cases. The customer agency must follow the job closely to determine if performance meets requirements.

2. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

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1. Complete provisioning of building maintenance requirements as provided for under SLUC to include responsive funding as well as performance.
2. Because of excessive security costs i.e., clearances and escort requirements, contracting-out for reimbursable construction, alteration, and repair is unsatisfactory. Increases in the number of GSA trade mechanics would be more responsive and cost effective. The centralized support concept is equally ineffective because of the varying productivity of centrally assigned personnel.
3. Our logistics system is worldwide in scope. Increased decentralization in the materiel procurement activity would enhance our overall support capability. For example, our specifications in many areas such as security and communications are much more restrictive than those called for under the Federal Supply Schedules. Examination and possible adjustment of the mandatory clauses for compliance within these schedules would prove beneficial.

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Time and funds expended could be reduced measurably if this authority were to be decentralized for small space acquisitions.

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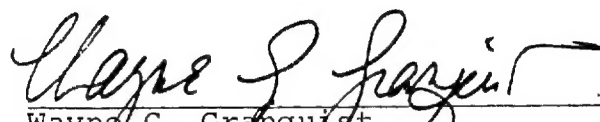
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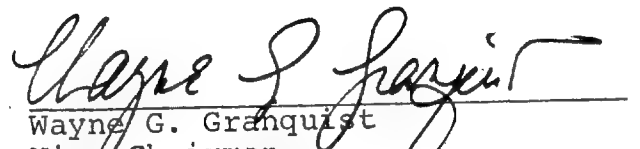
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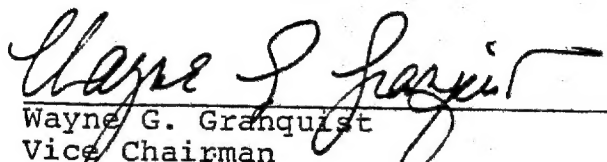
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